

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the revised format for making amendments as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, amendments to the claims are made with additions being indicated by way of underlining and deletions being indicated by way of strikethroughs. Additionally, each claim is provided with a status identifier in parenthetical immediately following its respective claim number.

1. (Currently Amended) A path-marking apparatus comprising:
a single unitary clip member having two extension arms connected by an integral tensioned member therebetween; and

wherein on an outer surface of each of said extension arms is a substantially flexible and removable light-reflective material ~~tape sticker~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The path marking apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said ~~apparatus~~
~~further comprises a light-reflective material~~ comprises a sticker.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 1, wherein each of said extension arms has an engaging end and a remote end and wherein an interior surface of each of said engaging ends of each of said extension arms has a surface treatment for enhancing the frictional interaction between said apparatus and its point of attachment.

5. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said surface treatment is an exaggerated serrated edge.
6. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said surface treatment is a scalloped edge.
7. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 4, wherein an exterior surface of each of said remote ends of each of said extension arms has a surface treatment for enhancing the frictional interaction between said apparatus and a user to enhance bad weather and nighttime use of the apparatus.
8. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said surface treatment on said outer surface of each of said remote ends of each of said extension arms is a raised textured surface.
9. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said integral tension member is curvilinear so as to allow for sufficient flexing of said integral tensioned member to enable said apparatus to separate said engagement ends of said extension arms when said remote ends of said extension arms are forced toward one another.

10. (Currently Amended) A path-marking apparatus comprising:

an integrally formed unitary clip member having two extension arms connected by a tensioned member therebetween;

wherein each of said extension arms has an engagement end and a remote end and an outer surface and an inner surface;

wherein said tensioned member is located generally along said apparatus about two-thirds of the distance from said engagement end to said remote end from said engagement end; and

wherein ~~said path-marking apparatus is provided with a~~ on said outer surface of each of said extension arms is a substantially flexible and removable light-reflective tape-sticker material.

11. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said ~~apparatus comprises a light-reflective material~~ comprises a sticker.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said interior surface of each of said extension arms at their respective engagement ends has a surface treatment for enhancing the frictional interaction between said apparatus and its point of attachment.

16. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said surface treatment is an exaggerated serrated edge.

17. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said surface treatment is a scalloped edge.

18. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said apparatus is made of plastic.

19. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 18, wherein said plastic includes an orange pigment to enhance the daytime visibility of the apparatus.

20. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 18, wherein said plastic is painted with a light-reflective paint.

21. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said apparatus is made of metal.

22. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said apparatus is painted orange to enhance its daytime visibility.

23. (Previously Presented) The path-marking apparatus of Claim 22, wherein said paint is light reflective.

24. (Currently Amended) A light reflective path-marking apparatus, comprising:
an integrally formed clip member having two extension arms connected by a tensioned member therebetween;
wherein each of said extension arms has a surface treatment on both their opposed surfaces and their adjacent surfaces and wherein the surface treatments on the adjacent surfaces cover only about one-half of each of said extension arm's length;
wherein said clip member is provided with a capability during its manufacture to reflect light thus better indicating its presence to a user during night time and wherein said capability is provided by a substantially flexible and removable light-reflective tape sticker adhered generally to the center of the opposing surfaces of each of said extension arms; and
wherein said clip member is orange to better indicate its presence during day time use.

In making the above amendments, no new matter is believed added.